

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of processing electronic documents comprising:  
retrieving a first electronic document located in a reference directory specified by a  
first path;

5 searching for a second electronic document purported to be specified by a second  
path; and

if the second electronic document is not located at the second path, continue  
searching in a directory higher than the reference directory.

10 2. The method of claim 1 further comprising forming a path specifying the location of  
the second electronic file, the path including a drive designation and one or more directories.

3. A computer product residing on a computer readable medium for processing  
electronic documents, comprising instructions for causing the computer to:

15 retrieve a first electronic document located in a reference directory specified by a first  
path;

search for a second electronic document purported to be specified by a second path;  
and

20 if the second electronic document is not located at the second path, continue to search  
in a directory higher than the reference directory.

4. The computer product of claim 3 further comprising instructions to form a path  
specifying the location of the second electronic file, the path including a drive designation  
and one or more directories.